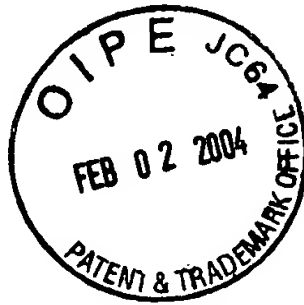


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This is a response to the office action mailed August 1, 2003 (Paper No. 38), for the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time for responding to the office action, thereby extending the period for response to February 2, 2004. Please charge the fee for the extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1641. Although applicants believe that no additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 08-1641.